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[CSB Faces Continued Uncertainty Despite Democrats' House Control](#)

Despite Democrats' control of the House next year, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) faces continued uncertainty about its future as its supporters fear the Trump administration may deprive it of a quorum to operate by not nominating new board members to replace those whose terms expire starting at the end of 2019.

## GREENWIRE ARTICLES

### Regional administrator released on bond

Kevin Bogardus, E&E News reporter

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EPA Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn (left) and Scott Phillips (right), a co-founder of Glenn's former consulting firm, were booked into an Alabama prison today before they were released on bond. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Trey Glenn, EPA's regional administrator for its Southeast branch, was released on bond today after checking into jail.

Glenn was booked into the Jefferson County Jail in Alabama early this morning and released about a hour later after posting a \$30,000 bond, according to the sheriff's office. His onetime business associate and a former Alabama Environmental Management commissioner, Scott Phillips, was also booked and released on bond this morning.

Glenn has been indicted over alleged violations of Alabama ethics law. The indictment appears to involve his work as a consultant years ago for Drummond Co., an Alabama-based coal firm that wanted to avoid liability for cleaning up Superfund sites in the Birmingham area (Greenwire, Nov. 14).

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2018/11/15/stories/1060106351>

**Trump could 'flood the zone' to combat House Dems**



President Trump's administration will press ahead on its energy and environmental agenda even as Democrats take control of the House next year. Douliery Olivier/ABACA/Newscom

President Trump's allies hope his administration will plow ahead with its deregulatory energy and environmental agenda next year, despite resistance from newly empowered House Democrats.

With Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) still in charge of the Senate, Democrats will be limited to conducting oversight of the administration and potentially some narrow legislative compromises, according to officials close to the administration.

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### **Icy roads cause 5 deaths as wintry conditions blow east**

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A pre-winter storm slammed parts of the South and lower Midwest, causing five deaths on slippery roads and stranding travelers for more than eight hours on an icy Arkansas interstate.

The wintry weather moved eastward today, bringing a mix of rain and snow to Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

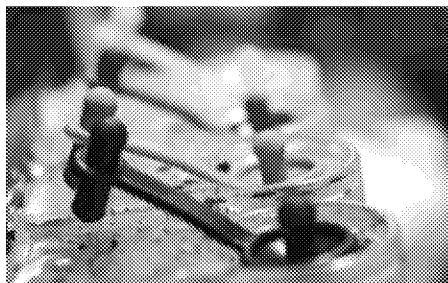
Snow fell as far southeast as central Alabama, which got a dusting. While wintry precipitation is unusual in the Deep South so early in the season, forecasters said the overnight trace missed setting a record for earliest snow by about two weeks.

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### First TSCA draft risk evaluation finds no unreasonable risk

US EPA releases pigment violet 29 preliminary determination

15 November 2018 / TSCA, United States



In the first draft risk evaluation of an existing substance issued under the reformed TSCA, the US EPA has preliminarily determined that the assessed substance – pigment violet 29 – does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

The EPA says the finding is based on a review of reasonably available information, which indicates that the substance poses: "a low hazard to human health and environmental receptors, low solubility, low vapour pressure, low bioaccumulation potential, low absorption, limited environmental releases and low potential for resulting exposures".

This initial determination of PV 29's safety is aligned with a "preliminary conclusion" – presented in its June 'problem formulation' – that the colourant represents a low hazard to human health and the environment. As Chemical Watch reported at the time, the emergence of such a conclusion early in the evaluation process suggested the substance presented little controversy, in stark contrast to others being assessed in the first wave of evaluations, like asbestos and a variety of solvents of high concern.

Nevertheless, the EPA's acting administrator Andrew Wheeler said that the release of the first draft assessment "shows that the agency is delivering on its promise to meet the statutory deadlines and ensure the safety of chemicals currently on the market" under the reformed TSCA.

The "EPA has made tremendous progress fulfilling our new responsibilities for existing chemicals," he added.

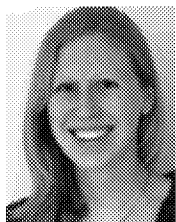
#### Next steps

PV 29 – also known as anthra[2,1,9-def:6,5,10-d'e'f'] diisoquinoline-1,3,8,10(2H,9H)-tetrone) – is one of the first ten substances undergoing risk evaluation under the amended TSCA. It is used as a colourant, primarily in inks, paints, coatings and plastics, as well as in consumer art products, and is used as an intermediate for other perlyene pigments.

Its draft evaluation will undergo peer review by the EPA's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) before being finalised. It will also be subject to a 60-day comment period. This period falls short of the 120 days recently recommended by four NGOs, but longer than the 30-day statutory minimum.

All public comments will be provided to the SACC peer review panel. The agency says it will consider public comments, along with peer review comments and recommendations, before finalising the evaluation.

The EPA has a three-year statutory deadline for finalising all ten risk evaluations, which ends December 2019. However, it may seek a single six-month extension.



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- [EPA issues TSCA 'problem formulation' documents](#)
- [EPA provides 'low hazard' preliminary TSCA conclusion on PV29](#)
- [EPA names first ten chemicals for new TSCA evaluations](#)
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### **Further Information:**

- [Federal Register notice](#)
- [PV 29 draft evaluation](#)
- [EPA release](#)
- [EPA PV 29 page](#)

### **Washington state's flame retardant committee to hold final meeting in January**

15 November 2018 / Built environment, Children's products, Halocarbons, United States

Washington state's Stakeholder Advisory Committee on Flame Retardant Chemicals is to hold its final meeting on 4 January. The committee has been examining the use of six substances to help develop a report for the legislature.

[Previous meetings](#) took place last week and in June and September. The final report on policy options for the substances of concern is expected next July.

### **Related Articles**

- [Washington state weighs policy options on flame retardants](#)

### **Further Information:**

- [Committee information and meeting materials](#)
- [November meeting agenda](#)

## **Brexit: UK, EU chemicals industry welcomes agreed draft deal**

Associate membership of Echa still a question mark, CIA conference hears

15 November 2018 / Data, Europe, REACH, Substance registration, United Kingdom



Cefic and the UK Chemical Industries Association (CIA) have welcomed an agreed draft text on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

Published on 14 November, the 585-page document sets out clauses of Britain's exit but does not include finer detail around chemicals legislation.

In a statement, Cefic and CIA said that ensuring continued participation in REACH through Echa is "the best outcome" for the chemical industry on both sides of the English Channel, as well as for the health and environment agenda across the continent.

Cefic director general Marco Mensink said its position remains unchanged: "Industry needs regulatory certainty on the arrangements between the EU and the UK for the period after March 29 and the sooner these arrangements are agreed on, the better the industry can prepare and the less disruption it will cause for trade."

Meanwhile, CIA chief executive Steve Elliott said the association will continue to work with MPs and members of the House of Lords to ensure minimal disruption.

### **London conference**

At a conference organised by CIA in London on 15 November, Mr Mensink said that while the finer details are to be ironed out, the agreed draft text contains two areas that are significant to the chemicals industry:

- Article 7 stipulates that the UK will be excluded from nominating, appointing or electing members of the EU agencies – such as Echa – and will not be permitted to attend agency or affiliated meetings or participate in decision-making activities; and
- Article 128 (6) stipulates that UK authorities will no longer act as leading authority for risk assessments, examinations, approvals and authorisation procedures under EU law.

Another, Article 8, is also key as it says the UK will cease to access any EU-established network, information system and database.

"I'm slightly less optimistic on the Echa part of the deal," Mr Mensink told Chemical Watch. This is because even with associate membership, the UK will not have access to the Echa database.

Access "very much depends" on the final agreement, he told delegates in London. "We don't know what that associate membership means in terms of access to the database. Data cannot be transferred without the permission of the 27 other countries."

Associate membership has to be agreed, he said. Details of talks on this are expected next week, Mr Mensink said.

It does not make sense, he added, to duplicate the database or the agency's activities.

At a recent government Brexit workshop, the UK's Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said companies will need to submit a "full" data package in order to register their chemicals under a UK version of REACH in a no-deal Brexit scenario.

Speaking in London on 15 November, Mr Mensink also urged companies to prepare for a no-deal Brexit, saying "the smartest people" in industry will be those who are prepared now because "you don't know what's going to happen after March". But he added that no-one was "that prepared" for a hard Brexit.

### **'So far, so good'**

Meanwhile, Tom Crotty, president of CIA and director of manufacturer Ineos, said the association is continuing to closely analyse the text and it is "so far, so good".

The deal "would make sense for us", he said, as it contains elements CIA supported from the start:

- frictionless free trade;
- regulatory consistency; and
- free movement and access to skilled people.

The chemicals industry is "still very high on the negotiators' radar", he told delegates.

Negotiations are expected to continue on more detailed arrangements from next week, Susannah Storey, director general of the Department for Exiting the European Union, told the meeting.

Before the deal text was published, Echa had recently updated its Brexit web pages, which provide advice for industry.

### **Clelia Oziel and Luke Buxton**

*This story has been amended to clarify that Mr Mensink referred to Article 128(6) and not Article 15(7)*

### **Related Articles**

- [Prime minister: UK to seek 'associate membership' of Echa](#)
- [UK REACH full data requirement alarms industry](#)
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### **Further Information:**

- [Draft agreement text](#)
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